



# MISSOURI ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

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### **November 18, 2024 – Missouri Academy Installs New Officers**

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) installed new officers at the Academy's 76th Annual Meeting on November 8, 2024, at InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza. Serving as President last year, Afsheen Patel, MD, became Board Chair of the family medicine group. Other officers include President Natalie Long, MD; President-Elect Beth Rosemergy, DO, FAAFP; Vice President Lauren Wilfling, DO, FAAFP; and Lisa Mayes, DO, who was elected to another three-year term as Secretary/Treasurer.

#### **Patel (Board Chair)**

Afsheen Patel, MD, of Lee's Summit, Missouri, was installed as Board Chair of the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) at their 76th Annual Meeting on November 8, 2024, at InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza. Dr. Patel practices at the St. Luke's Primary Care Clinic in Lee's Summit with a special interest in women's health care, sports medicine, geriatric care, and primary and preventative care. She completed her medical school training at the Royal College of Surgeons United Kingdom and her residency at the University of Missouri Columbia Family Medicine Residency program. She is board-certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. Dr. Patel is married and has four children.

#### **Long (President)**

Natalie Long, MD, of Columbia, Missouri, was installed as President of the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) at their 76th Annual Meeting on November 8, 2024, at InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza. Dr. Long completed her medical school and family medicine residency at the University of Missouri Columbia (MU). She practices full-spectrum family medicine and has a special interest in maternal mental health, opioid dependence management, and pregnancy care. She holds the rank of Associate Professor of Clinical Family and Community Medicine at the MU School of Medicine. She resides in Columbia with her four children.

#### **Rosemergy (President-Elect)**

Beth Rosemergy, DO, FAAFP of Kansas City, Missouri, was installed as President-Elect of the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) at their 76th Annual Meeting on November 8, 2024, at InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza. Dr. Rosemergy is Chair of the Department of Community and Family Medicine at the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Medicine and serves as the

Associate Chief Medical Officer at University Health Lakewood Medical Center. She completed medical school at the University of Health Sciences – Kansas City and residency at the University of Missouri - Kansas City. Dr. Rosemergy lives in Lee’s Summit.

**L. Wilfling (Vice President)**

Lauren Wilfling, DO, MBA, FAFP, of St. Louis, Missouri, was installed as Vice President of the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) at their 76th Annual Meeting on November 8, 2024, at InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza. Dr. Wilfling currently practices full spectrum family medicine and obstetrics care as a faculty physician at Mercy Family Medicine Residency in St. Louis, MO. She completed medical school at Kansas City University in Kansas City, where she also earned her MBA in Healthcare Leadership from Rockhurst University. Dr Wilfling completed her residency at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where she stayed to complete a Surgical Obstetrics Fellowship prior to returning to St Louis to practice. Her medical passions include Women's Health, Obstetrics, and Pediatrics and she very much enjoys getting to share her love of medicine with the next generation of residents and medical students in her current teaching role.

**L. Mayes (Secretary/Treasurer)**

Lisa Mayes, DO, of Macon, Missouri, was re-elected to another three-year term as Secretary/Treasurer of the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) at their 76th Annual Meeting on November 8, 2024, at InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza. Dr. Mayes is employed by the Samaritan Hospital in Macon, Missouri, and has been practicing for 15 years. She is board-certified in family medicine. She graduated from AT Still University in Kirksville and completed her residency at Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville, Missouri. Dr. Mayes has three daughters.

**About the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP)**

Founded in 1947, the MAFP represents over 2,300 physicians and medical students nationwide. It is the only medical society devoted solely to primary care. Headquartered in Jefferson City, MAFP is dedicated to optimizing the health of patients, families, and communities of Missouri through patient care, advocacy, education, and research.

Family physicians conduct approximately one in five office visits — that’s 192 million visits annually, or 48 percent more than the next most visited medical specialty. Today, family physicians provide more care for America’s underserved and rural populations than any other medical specialty. Family medicine’s cornerstone is an ongoing, personal patient-physician relationship focused on integrated care.

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians is the state chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians, which represents 129,600 physicians and medical students nationwide and is located in Leawood, Kansas.

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Top: MAFP Board Chair Afsheen Patel, MD, installs new officers Natalie Long MD, Beth Rosemergy DO, Lauren Wilfling, DO, and Lisa Mayes DO.

Bottom: Afsheen Patel MD, Natalie Long MD, Beth Rosemergy DO, Lauren Wilfling, Lisa Mayes.

